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EXPOSITION PRIZE PHOTOGRAPH



Throughout the period of the Exposition, Miss Mary Russell of Claremont ward, has delighted large numbers with her weekly recitals at the organ in the little Mormon Tabernacle. One day there appeared a young man, Ray Eichman, who saw as well as heard. He is a camera enthusiast. He asked permission to photograph her, with the result shown above. His photograph won first prize in the General Electric contest, and a mere look at it tells the reason why. The picture inevitably loses much in the process of engraving; the original print must be seen to appreciate all its beauty. But enough is left to show our readers a most delightful composition. Miss Russell is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Heber C. Russell. Dr. Russell has had considerable to do with the installation and maintenance of the pipe organ in the Berkeley chapel.

COMING EVENTS

October 4, 5, 6—General Conference, Salt Lake City.
October 4—Deseret Club party, Berkeley recreation hall.
October 11—Maxwell Park ward entertains. Richmond ward entertains.
October 18—Stake Genealogical Party.
October 19, 20—M.I.A. Convention, Oakland chapel.
October 25—Elmhurst ward entertains. Napa branch entertains.
November 1—Date open for ward affairs.
November 8—M.I.A. Special Interest Party.

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SEPTEMBER QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

By RUTH OSTEGAR

The first general session of the regular Quarterly Conference was held in the Oakland chapel at Moss and Webster Streets Sunday morning, September 8, at 10 A.M. with Elder Stephen L. Richards, of the Council of the Twelve, as our special visitor from Salt Lake City.

The first speaker of the day was Elder Clyde J. Summerhays of the Stake presidency, who briefly reported a recent visit to the Hill Comorah, and told of the pageant he witnessed there, and how it is helping to spread the story of the gospel and the Prophet Joseph. He then went into the main topic of his talk, which was "Fundamental Values". He explained to us that the gospel plan is an ideal pattern to be adopted in full by every member of the church. It is not for us to reject certain principles, for by doing so we are not only breaking the commandments of the Lord, but forfeiting the blessings which come from keeping these commandments.

Elder Wendel Jackson of Dimond, who has recently returned from a mission to Switzerland and Missouri, where he had been assigned after the evacuation of the missionaries from Europe, bore a very strong testimony in both English and German.

Garney Johnson, president of the Third Quorum of Elders of the Stake, bore his testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel. He told of the incident of his joining the church, and how through prayer he was led to see the truth and become a member of the church.

Bishop Stewart of Hayward then spoke to us on the subject of a "Practical Religion". He spoke of the church welfare program, and what it is accomplishing, and stressed the necessity of us all preparing for the future. He was followed by Bishop Milton P. Ream of the Elmhurst ward, who made an appeal to the people to support the Church, its welfare program, ward maintenance, and the work and beautification program. He emphasized the idea that we cannot take more out of any project, either spiritually or temporally, than we put in. He urged us through our contributions to become partial owners of the ward in which we live, and not merely spectators; and promised us that by helping the church along we will also be temporally and spiritually blessed.

Elder Stephen L. Richards began his remarks for the morning by reporting that President Grant is greatly improved in health, and that he acknowledges the prayers of the saints as an instrument in bringing to pass the blessings of the Lord in this respect. Elder Richards also spoke of the great work that President Grant has accomplished, and how he has helped remove prejudice and make the church more popular. He is, as Elder Richards stated, "an outstanding example of those who have accepted the call of the Saviour to come out of the world," and his sole purpose in life is to advance the kingdom of God on the earth and the welfare of its members.

Elder Richards then took up the main theme of his address, which was, "The Missionary

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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WARD TEACHER'S MESSAGE FOR OCTOBER, 1940

Respect For Authority

One of the most fundamental principles of successful government, church or civil, is respect for authority. It is absolutely necessary in any plan in which people hope to live together in peace and harmony. In civil government, constituted authority is empowered to enforce respect for its rights and decrees. This is necessary for the good of society. Without it chaos would prevail.

Latter-day Saints are taught to have respect for civil authorities. The Twelfth Article of Faith commits definitely to such an attitude. "We believe in being subject to Kings, Presidents, Rulers, and Magistrates, in obeying, honoring and sustaining the law."

In church government, respect for authority is no less important and necessary. In our Church this is especially true. The authority of this Church is God's authority. The fact that it has been delegated to man in no way lessens the respect due to it. Respect cannot be enforced. It can only be established and maintained through education, understanding, and love of the work of the Lord. Respect for authorities of the Church as represented by its leaders—General, stake, and ward—has been one of the greatest factors in its development and progress. If it were not forthcoming, disorder, lack of unity, and disintegration would result.

Respect for authority is an indication of loyalty, of acceptance, of faith, and of obedience, all necessary attributes of good citizenship and consistent membership in any government or church. Latter-day Saints should be outstanding in showing examples of respect for and loyalty to authority.

Our children should be taught in the home and in our organizations respect for all authority and particularly for the authority of our Father in Heaven as represented by those who are called to places of responsibility in His Church.

OCTOBER ASSIGNMENTS

Alameda: A. D. Erickson, Oscar Fontana.
Berkeley: Eugene Hilton.
Claremont: Clyde J. Summerhays.
Dimond: Leo Crandall, George D. Bennett.
Elmhurst: Delbert F. Wright, Lafayette P. Monson.
Hayward: Nathan G. Tolman, Wayne E. Mayhew.
Maxwell Park: Don C. Wood, Hugh P. Anderson.
Martinez: R. Kendall Thomas, I. B. Ball.
Napa: Grant Ellis, William J. Nielsen.
Oakland: Victor C. Lindblad, J. George Haddock.
Pittsburg: O. Leslie Stone, John G. Shields.
Richmond: Claude M. Dewsnup, George Southgate.
Vallejo: Don J. Allphin, Oliver Oestegar.

MESSAGE OF THE STAKE PRESIDENCY

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Savior said on one occasion, "come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." This is a never-failing refuge for all who are in need of strength to bear their burdens and cares or courage to face life's trials and tests. When Joseph was a slave in Egypt, he remembered that God loves to honor and bless all who serve Him. As a consequence of Joseph "coming unto Him" he was blessed so that only Pharaoh had greater power than did Joseph. Not only was Joseph blessed but all Egypt was blessed for "Joseph's sake." In his time of tribulation he remembered to follow the teachings of God and under the most distressing circumstances was strengthened enough to be able to bear that which could not be avoided.

We are warned that in the last days there shall be much tribulation in the world. "Then shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." No man knows just when these things shall come to pass. We only know that the time will come when the Devil will rule over his dominion and peace shall be taken from the earth; that "nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places."

Since we know not the day or hour when "two shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left," let us "come unto Jesus" before these burdens come upon us. That we may have peace of mind and safety for our souls let us follow that path that will lead to Him and entitle us to His comforting protection. It is entirely within the realm of possibility that our entire nation will be blessed because of our lives if they are sufficiently righteous. Obedience to the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the one course that will preserve this nation in the face of its enemies. By living what we know to be true we can greatly influence for good those among whom we live.

Sincerely your brethren,
EUGENE HILTON,
W. G. HARMON,
C. J. SUMMERHAYS.

ELDER GEORGE ALBERT SMITH VISITS

The Stake presidency were favored with a visit from Elder George Albert Smith of the Council of the Twelve, at their weekly meeting September 19. Elder Smith was accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Edith Elliott. In honor of the occasion the meeting was transferred to the home of President Hilton, the wives of the presidency invited and a delightful semi-social, semi-business session was enjoyed. Elder Smith is in remarkably good health for one who has to be on the road so much. He was required to leave early to catch the Overland so as to make connections for his next Stake conference.

A NEW DIRECTORY

With this issue are being distributed copies of the new directory of Stake and ward officers. Please preserve your copy for future reference.

DEDICATION OF THE MARTINEZ CHAPEL

The dedication of the Martinez chapel, now completely finished and paid for, was held in conjunction with the Quarterly Stake Conference, with Elder Stephen L. Richards offering the dedicatory prayer.

The chapel with its usual seating capacity of 120, which may be increased to double that number by opening the doors into the recreation hall for an emergency, strove mightily to accommodate the crowd of 335 friends and well-wishers from all parts of the Stake, who gathered together to attend its dedicatory services on Sunday evening, September 8. The chapel was beautifully decorated with flowers, and a loudspeaker system has been procured for the occasion. Special booklets were handed out which contained a picture of the chapel, a list of officers of the ward, and a copy of the program for the evening. A special musical program by the Mormon Male Chorus under the baton of Elder Robert Sant was featured. Opening number, a dedication song, had been especially composed for the occasion by Elder Sant.

The history of the ward and the building of the chapel were the subjects of Elder Glen Robinson, chairman of the building committee, and Bishop Abbott. This project which was commenced and completely finished and paid for in eight months, was built at a total cost of \$14,366, which included the donation of 9000 hours of work, 704 of which were donated by non-members.

The beautiful prayer uttered by Elder Richards dedicated the chapel as a meeting place of the saints, wherein the gospel might be taught and wherein those who entered might be sanctified. He asked the blessings of God upon the leaders of the ward, its members, and "those not of our faith who live nearby." He prayed for the leaders of the Church as a whole, and the leaders of the nation, and the missionaries who are now laboring to spread the Gospel. He concluded with the words, "Oh Father, accept Thine House, a House of Holy Worship; guard and protect it."

OAKLAND WARD

Services Held at Chapel, Corner Moss Avenue and Webster Street, Oakland

Fern Barney, a former member of Oakland ward, has just returned to her home in Salt Lake City after a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Oakland.

Genevieve Paulson and Wendell Grow were married, August 31, at the Little Chapel of the Flowers in Berkeley, Bishop Angus H. Norberg performing the ceremony. Wendell is second counselor in the Sunday School.

Cliff and Minnie Bagley of San Jose, formerly of Oakland, are the proud parents of a baby girl, born September 10.

The retiring officers of the Relief Society are to be the honored guests at the opening party on October 3. A luncheon will be served at noon, followed by a program and games.

In conjunction with the Relief Society, the Family Relations class will hold its meetings the first Wednesday of each month at 8 P.M. at the home of Edna Doxey. The first meeting of the season will be held on October 2. Clarice Warnick will be the supervisor of this class.

The Oakland ward M.I.A. opened the 1940-41 season under the leadership of Dexter Larson, Glen Frazier and Wayne Bateman, Y.M.M.I.A., and Helen Frazier, Evelyn Nelson and Mary Stout, Y.W.M.I.A. The opening party was successful, largely due to Seth Lloyd's orchestra. The Senior class is most successful under the able direction of Dr. Melvin G. Hart.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

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Stephen L. Richards

Spirit." We are a missionary people; the first year of our church over 1500 people were gathered together through the missionary system. Before the ink was scarcely dry on the Book of Mormon missionaries were carrying it all over the nation. At the death of the Prophet, which was 14 years, 3 months after the organization of the church, the enrollment had reached between thirty and thirty-five thousand. Missionaries were sent out during the early days of the church when they were almost destitute. Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Willard Richards, and Erastus Snow left their families at the mercy of their friends in order to carry the gospel to Europe. Wilford Woodruff converted 800 people in six weeks. Erastus Snow was the first missionary to carry the gospel to Scandinavia, and now a large percentage of our members is made up of Scandinavians. When the saints were going West they met groups of missionaries going East. "We feel," Elder Richards said, "it is our bounden duty to give this Gospel to God's children," that "no gift is comparable to the gift of the true Gospel of Jesus Christ." He went on further to say that our church is one eternal round, from missionary to convert, from convert to missionary. He told how many destitutes have been reclaimed by missionary work, and as an example cited the case of Bishop Nibley, who came, through the help of missionaries, from extreme hardship and poverty in Scotland to America, where he began a new life and eventually achieved wealth.

The missionary experience, Elder Richards also brought out, is a great benefit to the missionary. Many bashful, slow, ignorant youths come back from their missions forceful and dominant. Young people from the country are exposed to the civilization of the cities, and those from the cities learn of country life. Many missionaries have traveled to foreign lands, and some around the world, all receiving interesting experiences through their travels. From both an educational and a spiritual standpoint, a mission affords great opportunities to our young people.

Elder Richards then made a plea for more missionaries. He said he knew that it would necessitate the spirit of sacrifice in many cases, as it has always done, but that the families would be blessed who were willing to sacrifice, that the work of the Lord might be spread.

In closing he brought to our minds that the day had been set apart by the President as a day of prayer for peace, and he offered a prayer for the continuance of the principles of liberty, for peace throughout our nation and invoked God to give men courage to banish sin and bring in humility, righteousness and faith.

In addition to congregational singing, two special musical numbers were rendered by Mrs. Ethel Mauss, soprano, with Miss Norma Bryan at the piano.

Between the two sessions a delicious luncheon was served by members of Claremont ward, the proceeds of which will go to the building fund.

The music for the afternoon session was furnished by the Mormon Male Chorus, under the direction of Robert Sant, with Mrs. Fredone Nielson as accompanist. A solo was also given by Olive Nielson.

After the sustaining of the General Authorities of the Church and Stake, the first speaker for the afternoon was President Glen Harmon. He acknowledged the request of the President to pray in behalf of, and in the interest of peace. He expressed joy that we live in a land of peace, and brought out the idea that it is necessary for us, in order to have peace throughout our land, to put our houses in order and, like the wise virgins, be prepared, not only temporally, but spiritually. He quoted the warning and promise which are given concerning this land in Esther 2:9-12, to the effect that this is a choice land, and that it will continue to be so as long as we serve the Lord, but those who possess this land must serve God or be destroyed. That service, said he, is to love one another, following the first and second commandments as set forth in Matthew. Only thus can peace be restored to mankind and the ills of the world cured. When the human family learns this "secret", war and strife will end.

Sister Anna Ellsworth, the Stake president of the Relief Society, gave a report of that organization for the past year, stating that the enrollment had increased 49 percent.

President Hilton then gave a report of the Stake as a whole. He paid tribute to the helpers in the Stake. He commented upon the expansion of the spirit of love among us, and expressed a desire that we may sow a seed which will eventually lead others to the truth. He said that the Stake is making progress as a whole, and gave among other statistics the following: Since 1934, when the Stake was divided, we have grown from a membership of 3070 to 4939. As a general rating our Stake is number 13 among other Stakes of the church, with 372 points out of a possible 900. Twenty-three percent of the people attended sacrament meeting during the first seven months of this year, which is two percent better than last year. Ward teachers have completed 70 percent of their visits, while for the past seven months Fast offerings have fallen from 87 cents per capita to 40 cents per capita. He also stated that at present the Stake has only ten missionaries on missions.

Elder Richards' sermon in the afternoon followed somewhat along the line of that given by President Summerhays in the morning session, showing that we cannot reject this or that principle of the Gospel, but must accept it in its fullness. That we must be orthodox and accept Christ's account of himself and his doctrines. He especially emphasized the law of tithing. Tithing, he told us, is an infinite blessing to those who give. The purpose of tithing is to increase man's devotion to God. Talk is cheap, but giving shows our love for God and His work here upon the earth. He enumerated the wonderful improvements that have been made possible throughout the Church by the help of the money received from the people as tithing. Among other improvements he especially called to our attention the Temples now owned by the church and the wonderful work that is being done in them. He further

VALLEJO WARD

Meet at 2010 Marin Street, Vallejo

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brown have returned from Glendale, California, after spending a delightful vacation with relatives there.

Bromwell Z. Cox of Dimond ward was the speaker at our sacrament meeting August 25. He was accompanied to Vallejo by Mrs. Cox and their daughters, Virginia and Sylvia.

The auxiliaries of Vallejo ward joined together and gave a delightful pot-luck dinner August 30. About eighty members were present, and enjoyed an evening of dancing after the dinner.

The first Primary officers and Teachers Training meeting was held at the home of Elsie Taylor, September 4, after which refreshments were served. Special guests for the evening were Bishop Alvin G. Cheshire and his counselors, Henry Neerings and Newel Standley.

Tuesday, September 10, the Mutual gave their opening social in the form of a Carnival Dance. Pupils of the James Adair School of the Dance presented the floor show, along with other novel forms of entertainment, which joined to make an enjoyable evening for all.

Relief Society officers and Teachers Training meeting was held at the home of Ruby Larsen, president, where plans were made for the coming year's work.

We are very sorry to lose Ida Fullen from the ward. She is one of our members that has lived here since Vallejo was a branch in the California Mission. She is moving to Richmond ward.

President and Mrs. Glenn Harmon were visitors in our ward Sunday evening, September 15. President Harmon gave a very interesting Conference report, and brought with him moving pictures of the Temple grounds and speakers at the conference, also of his trip home.

News has come to Vallejo of the marriage at Sparks, Nevada, September 6, of Miss Vera Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hill, and John Martin Droast of Vallejo.

M.I.A. CONVENTION

Regular fall convention of the M.I.A. is scheduled to convene at the Oakland chapel on Saturday and Sunday, October 19 and 20. Members of the general board will be in attendance. A special request has been made that bishoprics of all wards and branch presidencies be present.

The Young Women's Stake board is being rapidly completed. President Marie Lindsay has chosen as her counselors Mrs. LaRee Tolman of Berkeley and Miss Dorothy Killner of Dimond ward. Complete board selections will be announced in the next issue of THE MESSENGER.

explained that our church is economically organized and that not one cent of our tithing money is wasted. Great happiness, he assured us, comes from paying an honest tithing, and no one can ever regret having paid it. The few closing minutes were addressed to the young people of the Stake. He stressed the importance of making important decisions in life, and requested that they respect the wisdom and age of their parents and the Church authorities. He begged them to resist the temptations of life and keep their bodies fit receptacles for the spirit of God. And advised that the young people marry within the Church and have their marriages solemnized in the Temple, that they might lay a foundation for coming into the Kingdom of God.

RICHMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel, Corner 28th Street and Nevin Avenue, Richmond

Mr. and Mrs. David Love and two children have recently returned from a vacation in Salt Lake City, during which time they went to the Temple to be sealed.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Hopkins and family enjoyed a vacation in Salt Lake City, where they did Temple work and attended conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Phelps and family have moved to Salt Lake City.

Friday, the thirteenth, was a lucky day for Miss Ruth Hopkins. It was her fourteenth birthday and her Sunday School class surprised her with a party—games, refreshments and all.

The new Mutual officers have been chosen as follows: The Young Men's president is David Love, with his two counselors, Jessie Walker and Leonard Bradeson. Young Ladies' president, Lillian Morley, with her counselors, Blanche Harmon and La Von Aikens; Chloe Hopkins is secretary. The social planning is under the direction of Mrs. Idabelle Bradeson and Leonard Aikens.

Mrs. Lafayette Orme of Tooele, Utah, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Allan Tidwell and their new baby daughter, Leah Jean.

Mr. and Mrs. Parley Hopkins and son of Soda Springs, Idaho, have been visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Hopkins and family.

Mr. Clyde Summerhays of the Stake presidency was a Sunday evening speaker on September 15.

Opening Mutual party held in recreation hall of chapel on Tuesday, September 17. Large crowd attended. The amplifier and music furnished by Vincent Wright. Games and dancing were enjoyed.

BERKELEY WARD

All Services Held at Chapel, Corner Vine and Walnut Streets, Berkeley

Sunday evening, August 25, a delightful program was presented at the sacrament meeting, under the direction of Mrs. Orthella Hughes. Violin numbers were presented by James and Peggy Dean. Vocal solos by Mrs. Hughes, accompanied by Professor Jan Herbert Popper, of Stanford University; vocal duet by Clark and Orthella Hughes, and piano selections by Professor Popper.

The Mutual Improvement Association presented the program at the Conjoint session, Sunday evening, September 1. Following the M.I.A. theme, which was given by Richard Jackson, Mrs. Louise Knight, presiding officer, turned the time over to Mrs. Francelle Larson, leader of the Seagull girls of the Primary, for the Seagull graduation exercises. The following girls were presented with graduation certificates: Jeannine Coombs, Carol Dunham, Joan Hickman, Carolyn Johnson, Joice Martin,

Barbara Lee Smith, Gwendolyn Sparks. Following the presentation of the certificates, readings from the Life of Alma were given by Verl and Reed Knight, Russell Ball and Oliver Fullmer. The special music for the occasion was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Lawrence and Mary Russell.

Tuesday evening, September 10, Troop 8, Boy Scouts of Berkeley ward, enjoyed their opening Fall session at the recreation hall in the form of an ice cream and soda water "bust". Most of the boys of the troop were present and all had a most enjoyable evening.

M.I.A. celebrated the opening of Mutual for the winter months with a delightful dancing party Friday evening, September 13. A goodly attendance of the young folks of the ward enjoyed dancing and refreshments. Each lady was presented with a gardenia by the Mutual officers. The officers of both the Young Ladies' and Young Men's Associations are enthusiastically looking forward to a most successful season for M.I.A.

The Primary Association held its Harvest

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"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom
and the man that getteth understanding."
Prov. 3:13.

Mrs. Edith S. Elliott of the General Board of Relief Society is vacationing in the Bay region and will be the Relief Society Stake Conference visitor here next Sunday, September 29. Mrs. Elliott has a broad understanding of welfare problems and is well qualified to give assistance along that line. A very profitable conference is expected. Mrs. Elliott will be the guest of Relief Society Stake officers at the fair next Thursday, September 26.

Mrs. Adrian Gee has resigned her position as Stake theology class leader because of the severe illness of her sister. May the blessings of our Heavenly Father attend them both. Mrs. Gertrude Nelson will have charge of the theology department of the Stake.

Mrs. Ruby T. Addis has resigned her position as Stake secretary of the Relief Society and Mrs. Roma Sabine will take up the work where she leaves off.

Mrs. Ada Lindblad of the Relief Society Stake presidency will not return from her sojourn in Logan, Utah, until after the October conference.

The Oakland Stake had the second highest percentage in Relief Society magazine subscriptions in 1938—Dimond ward was highest, and has been a 100 percent subscriber for many years. Let us keep this record. If YOU have not subscribed for your magazine this year, please get in touch with your ward president or magazine agent before October 15—our drive ends then—and any subscriptions taken thereafter will be counted on next year's quota.

ALAMEDA WARD

Services Held at Odd Fellows Hall, Corner Park St. and Santa Clara Ave., Alameda

The M.I.A. opening party was held in the nature of a "watermelon bust" on September 9. A good time was had by all.

New officers in the M.I.A. include the following: Clare Hunt, M-Men activity teacher; Howard Martineau, M-Men class instructor; Edith Martineau, Beehive class teacher.

New Relief Society appointments are: Mrs. Mae Knowles, second counselor, who succeeds Mrs. Marie Wilton, and Mrs. Violet Pinckney as secretary, who succeeds Mrs. Ruth Howcroft in this position. Appreciation is extended to those who have served so faithfully and congratulations to those accepting new positions.

The sympathy of the ward goes out to the William N. Clayson and Donald W. Hughes families, whose home, a dual residence, was destroyed by fire on the Sunday evening of their fifteenth wedding anniversaries. The hero and heroine of the tragedy were Harold Clayson, 12, and Joyce Hughes, age 10.

Despite a multitude of other duties, Mrs. Violet Pinckney has accepted the position of Stake Era director.

Mrs. Reba Winkel becomes our new ward MESSENGER reporter.

Two families have moved recently from our ward—the Ben Schaefer to Maxwell Park and the Mark R. Howcroft family to Salt Lake City.

EASTWARD HO

This edition of THE MESSENGER is being circulated in the absence of ye editor. President Harmon has flown east to appear before the Supreme Court at its October term. He will be joined by Mrs. Harmon and they will take a short vacation before returning to Berkeley late in October.

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP THE HOMES

The call of these troubled times comes most insistently to the ears of the officers of the Auxiliary associations. They are reconsidering their whole field with a view to see what may be done by them to meet the needs of the times. They are undertaking more clearly to define their fields of activity, to cut out duplications, and overlapping—to eliminate the increasing waste in effort, time, and funds.

One of their chief concerns will be the easing of the burdens on the bishops and presidents of Stakes, a relieving of the people from as much financial burden as possible, a cutting down of general excess activities, and helping the home to assume its normal functions in shaping the lives of the young. For when all is said and done that can be said or done, if the home is not sound, the bulk of the youth will fall into forbidden paths. The problem here is not primarily the children, but the parents who have been encouraged—unwittingly encouraged, if we be charitable—to turn over the training of the youth to the schools, the Auxiliaries, and other instrumentalities. This plan will never succeed. Fathers and mothers must know that they are responsible for the existence of their children, and having assumed that responsibility, they cannot in the eyes of God shirk, or shift, or ignore the responsibility of rightly training them, except they shall bring themselves under condemnation.

One of the principal, if not the main, purpose of the Auxiliaries must be to help the parents to help their children, and this can be effectively worked out through the home.—President J. Reuben Clark, Jr., first counselor in the first Presidency. Reprinted from General Conference Report for April, 1940.

THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

From Joseph Smith's inspired version, it seems appropriate to quote the following passages from the twenty-first chapter of St. Luke, and it is suggested that readers compare them with the same chapter in the King James translation and also with the thirteenth chapter of St. Mark and the twenty-fourth chapter of St. Matthew.

Now these things he spake unto them, concerning the destruction of Jerusalem. And then His disciples asked him, saying, Master, tell us concerning Thy coming?

And He answered them, and said, In the generation in which the times of the Gentiles shall be fulfilled, there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity, like the sea and the waves roaring. The earth also shall be troubled, and the waters of the great deep;

Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth. For the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads, for the day of your redemption draweth nigh.

And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud, with power and great glory. And He spake to them a parable, saying, behold the fig tree, and all the trees.

When they now shoot forth, ye see, and know of your own selves, that summer is now nigh at hand.

So likewise ye, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

Verily I say unto you, this generation, the generation when the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled, shall not pass away till all be fulfilled.

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My word shall not pass away.

DIMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel at 3618 Dimond Avenue, Oakland

The Mutual opening Tuesday evening, September 16, was well attended by a promising group of young people; an entertaining program preceded the short class period. Those taking part were Lois and Irene Russell, Dorothy Nethercott, Mark Lauper, Ross Lynch, Knute Torgersen and Ruth Gealta. Dennis Lauper, the new Young Men's president, has chosen Herbert Van Noy for his activity counselor and Phyl Hilton as secretary. The Young Women's president, Lucille Schow, has selected Irene Briggs and Ruth Swanson as counselors, and Lorraine Miller, secretary.

To judge from the Relief Society's first social of the season, new enthusiasm begins the year's activities; it was in the form of the ever popular old-fashioned dancing party; a short and interesting program preceded the dancing. Stake President Hilton and President Shurtliff gave short talks pertaining to Relief Society work. Ruth Gealta had charge of the program. An exhibit of beautiful hand-work by members received much praise. Delicious refreshments were served.

Ruth Hilton entertained at a Silver Tea twelve of the mothers of the young daughters of her Sunday School class, September 16; two special guests were the missionaries who are now located in the Bay district, the Misses Lucy Springer and Iris Viehweg of Salt Lake City.

Different and interesting was the Sunday School conference presided over by Superintendent Rounds Sunday morning, September 22. The work of the Sunday School was well presented by several class leaders and members;

those taking part were Vernell Torgersen, Bob Wright, Mavis Humphreys, Katherine Dorius, Eva Pickett, Marjorie Mudge; the musical numbers by Ross Lynch, Mercedes Collett and Gordon McCarthy.

Rose and Walter Eddington celebrated their 20th anniversary with a party at their new home for over thirty of their friends Saturday, September 22; Charles and Mary Cherrington were responsible for a mock wedding that proved highly entertaining. The couple were showered with good wishes and many lovely gifts.

Joy Rodgers and Charlie Nichols were married in Reno, at the Latter-day Saints chapel by President Hearst, September 9. Their immediate families accompanied the couple to Nevada, a reception followed the ceremony. The young people spent their honeymoon at Lake Tahoe.

President Ruth Shurtliff announces the Relief Society almost completely organized and ready for the new season's activities which started October 1. Her new counselor, succeeding June Smith, is Blanche Jacobs; other officers new to the organization this year are Olive Fernsten, Teacher Topic; Ethel Rainey, Nutrition in connection with the work and business meeting; Grace Harkins, magazine agent, assisted by Belle Cox; Patricia Fish, Literature, and Nita Van Noy, organist.

Bishop and Winnifred Phelps spent a pleasant week-end recently in Placerville with Branch President Clyde Curtis and wife, Nellie, formerly of Dimond ward.

Irene Briggs is spending her vacation in Utah and Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miller have returned from a vacation spent in Salt Lake City visiting with relatives and friends they had not seen for twenty years.

TEMPLE MARRIAGES

Many friends are extending congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Reed S. Gardner who returned to Berkeley last week after being married September 18 in the Salt Lake Temple. Mrs. Gardner was formerly Miss Allie Dixon, daughter of Mrs. Electa Dixon of Provo, Utah. For the past two years she has been an instructor in the home economics department at Brigham Young University. She has made many friends in Oakland Stake while visiting here with her sisters, Mrs. Clyde J. Summerhays and Mrs. Junius Payne.

Another marriage of interest among the Stake's young people is that of Dennis Lauper and Miss Helen Froerer, daughter of Mrs. Lester Froerer of Ogden, Utah, who will be married in the Salt Lake Temple October 7. Dennis is the son of Mrs. Emma Lauper of Dimond ward. He is a quite-recently returned missionary and the new president of the Y.M.M.I.A. in Dimond.

Mr. and Mrs. Parley Fish, also of Dimond, are rejoicing over the fact that they feel really married, since their visit to the Logan Temple, July 30, at which time they were married and their children sealed to them. All members of the Fish family are active in ward and Stake affairs and THE MESSENGER congratulates them on this splendid step forward.

ELMHURST WARD

Services Held at Chapel, 96th Avenue and Derby Street, Oakland

Westley G. Phillips, the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyrum Hugh Phillips, passed away after a brief illness of but a week, on August 27. Pneumonia and complications were the cause of his death. Westley was born in Ogden, Utah, on June 6, 1923. His parents brought him to Oakland when he was but four months old, and this city has continued to be his home. He was very popular among the young people of the ward, and especially active in the M.I.A. He also is mourned by many friends at the Castlemont High, where he was a senior. The funeral services were held on August 30 from the Grant D. Miller mortuary. The speakers were Bishop Robert T. Paine of Maxwell Park, and former Bishop Horace J. McFarlane. The poem, "Beyond," was read by Mrs. McFarlane. The music was furnished by Mrs. Jackson and Wendel Martin, who sang respectively, "The Garden of Tomorrow," and "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again." Interment was made at the Chapel of Memories.

William and Don Shipper, the sons of Bishop Shipper, have joined the U. S. Navy and will be located at San Diego for some time.

Mrs. Rachel Brown has returned after spending the summer in Arizona visiting with friends, children and grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stock and family, of Salt Lake City, spent several weeks recently visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Ina Stauffer, of Elmhurst.

The M.I.A. held its opening social on Tuesday, September 10. After an interesting program, the evening was spent in dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Darton are the proud parents of a baby daughter, born September 9. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Miss Violet Allphin was the guest of honor at a shower given at the Brummet home on Friday evening, September 20, with Miss Betty Brummet as the hostess. About 30 relatives and friends met to pay tribute to Violet, who plans to be married to Al Fontano, on September 28. The bride-to-be received many beautiful and useful gifts and a delightful time was had by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Harris have returned from their honeymoon, which was spent with Mrs. Harris' parents in Idaho. Mr. and Mrs. Harris were married in the Elmhurst chapel August 30, with Bishop Ream performing the ceremony. Before her marriage, Mrs. Harris was Elise Henderson.

The entire Elmhurst ward have been called to mourn the death of Sister Edith Lavinnie Cheney, the beloved wife of Brother Francis Le Roy Cheney. Sister Cheney suffered a stroke on August 26 and died five days later. Funeral services were held on September 3 at the Cooper Funeral Parlors. The speakers

for the occasion were Ray Darton and Brother Fishburn. The music was furnished by Stanley Mickelson. The body was laid to rest in the Evergreen Cemetery. Sister Cheney was born in Pinedale Arizona, on July 3, 1889. She was married to her husband, Le Roy Cheney, on July 5, 1912. Brother and Sister Cheney have lived in Oakland for about 14 years. She is survived by her husband and three children, Vao LeRoy, Mrs. Ilda Cheney Starr, and Lyle Rue, all of Oakland, and a small adopted son. Mrs. Cheney was 51 years of age, and throughout all her life has been very active in church work.

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In a letter to all wards, the presidency of the High Priests Quorum has urged support for the Church's newest temple at Idaho Falls. Excerpts from the letter follow:

To the Bishopric and members of the Oakland ward: Almost from the time of its inception, and the restoration of the Priesthood, the Church has had a permanent program of Temple building. To date, nine Temples have been erected.

Amidst incessant persecution and surrounded by murderous mobs, the impoverished saints built two Temples in response to Divine commands—one in Kirtland, one at Nauvoo. Again, in the Valleys of the Mountains, the Salt Lake Temple was begun when the Church membership was very small, and the people were struggling for an existence in the barren wastes of the great Salt Lake desert. Forty years in building, the Salt Lake Temple was dedicated in 1893.

The following table denotes what Temples have been built and the dates of dedication: Kirtland, 1836; Nauvoo, 1846; St. George, 1877; Logan, 1884; Manti, 1888; Salt Lake, 1893; Hawaiian, 1919; Canadian, 1923; Arizona, 1927.

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Sincerely your Brethren,
THE HIGH PRIESTS PRESIDENCY
By George E. Southgate.

MAXWELL PARK WARD

Services Held in Masonic Hall, Corner Foothill Boulevard and Mason Street

Gail Cragun, who has been superintendent, has gone to Salt Lake City to attend the university. The Sunday School has consequently been reorganized, with Ira Call, superintendent; Von Anderson, first assistant, and De Los Roe, second assistant.

The advancement program of the Y.W.M.I.A. was held Tuesday night, September 17, with seventy-five members in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Nethercott are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl at their home.

Many members of our ward have returned from vacations: President Summerhays and wife from New York; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Farr from Utah and Idaho; Mrs. F. B. Ellsworth, where she was the guest of her son, Fisher Ellsworth, and wife; Alice Cragun from Idaho and Utah, and Ira Mathewson from Eugene, Oregon.

Officers and teachers of the Primary and their partners enjoyed a boat trip in Thomas Booth's boat around Treasure Island. Bishop and Mrs. Robert T. Paine were honored guests.

The speakers at our sacrament meeting Sunday, September 15, were President and Mrs. Hilton and Dennis and Marcel Lauper. Their talks were appreciated by all.

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The Relief Society has organized for its new term. Lenore Wood is to continue on as president. Faye Bromley and Betty Madison will teach Theology; Dorothy Brown, Business Lessons; Ardell Kay, Literary, and Marian Ellsworth, Social Service. Viola Carr will have charge of the Teachers Topics.

Claremont has many folks on the sick list, among whom is Harold Gaisford, with a broken neck; Mrs. D. W. Rawson, who is ill at home, and Bruce Dwelly, of Brentwood, who is now one of Claremont's M-Men while attending college, is in the hospital with a broken shoulder.

Elenora Leth and Myrtle Hermanson are two new teachers in the Primary.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Whitaker of Farmington, Utah, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Hess and family.

The newly organized M-Men class, under the supervision of Heber Ellsworth, has elected Margon Jones as president; Royal Chase, vice-president, and Kay Lowrey as secretary. The plans for the year are under way and basketball practice has also started.

September 10 the Mutual held its opening party with a dance and refreshment.

September 29 the Sunday School held its annual Sunday School conference.

Arthur Nichols, the chairman of Genealogy, has chosen Stanley Dallan as his assistant, with Mrs. Nichols as secretary.

The Relief Society's work and business meeting was held September 26 at the home of Dorothy Brown. A class on block printing was given.

The new priest supervisor is William Carr and Elmore Haslet is teachers' supervisor. Joe Wood is Aaronic Priesthood supervisor.

Evelyn Burgan of Claremont ward became the wife of Allen Ray Shea of Berkeley ward August 31 at 8 o'clock at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Blair. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Reed Chase. Her bridesmaids were Hilda Dundas and Gloria Burgan, both sisters of the bride. Dexter Larson of Oakland ward was the best man. The couple honeymooned at Lake Tahoe and are making their home at 331 Howard Avenue, Piedmont.

HAYWARD WARD

Services Held at 1070 B Street

Word has been received by friends of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Auger, of Superior, Wisconsin. Mr. Auger served as counselor to the bishop while a resident of Hayward ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Light became the newest parents of the ward with the birth of a daughter, September 20.

The marriage of Miss Gwenevere Bailey to Harvey Hinch was performed by Bishop Stewart the last Saturday in August. Mrs. Hinch is the daughter of Mrs. Eva Bailey of Mt. Eden. A miscellaneous shower was given for the bride and groom the Tuesday preceeding the ceremony. Mrs. Floyd Loomis and Mrs. Ann Ray were hostesses.

September 10 was the night for two major events. It witnessed the opening Mutual social and the conclusion of the baby popularity contest sponsored by the Genealogical Society. The

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:

To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Darton of Elmhurst, a daughter, September 9.
To Mr. and Mrs. Le Grande Cook of Martinez, a daughter, August 25.
To Mr. and Mrs. Rosalind A. Malzann of Oakland, a son, July 11.
To Mr. and Mrs. Guy Charles Richards of Oakland, a son, July 10.
To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Springall of Vallejo, a son, September 9.
To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Chambers, a daughter, Alameda ward.
To Mr. and Mrs. Francis Winkel, a daughter, Alameda ward.

BLESSINGS:

Jeannette Smith, Berkeley.
Judith Doris Thomas, Dimond.
Susan Joan McCallister, Dimond.
Connie Lee Shipper, Elmhurst.
Charles LeRoy Schmalz, Elmhurst.
Betty Jane Carlos, Martinez.
Marilyn Kay Manning, Martinez.
Ronald Ted Lee, Maxwell Park.
Carolyn Morriff, Maxwell Park.
Jackwelyn Jean Meredith, Maxwell Park.
Marcenne Mae Sweigardt, Maxwell Park.
Craig Roland Malzann, Oakland.
Larry LeRoy Rivers, Oakland.

BAPTISMS:

Bartell Cardon, Jr., Berkeley.
Dewina Cullum, Martinez.
William Edward Cullum, Martinez.
Elsie Margaret Simpson, Maxwell Park.
Teddie Hunt Sanford, Maxwell Park.
Lola May Fernellus, Oakland.
Ardella Fernellus, Oakland.
Alma Winifred Dow, Vallejo.
Raymond Dow, Vallejo.
Malcolm G. Messer, Vallejo.

MARRIAGES:

Jack E. Harris and Elise Henderson, Elmhurst, August 30.
John Martin Droast and Vera Hill of Vallejo, September 6.

DEATHS:

Edith Lavinne Cheney, age 51, of Elmhurst, August 31.
Westley G. Phillips, age 17, of Elmhurst, August 30.
James H. Crockwell, September 17, Alameda, ward.

ORDINATION:

Sterling Yeaman, Alameda, Priest.

14-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bear was winner of first place, while the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Webb was awarded second honors.

A turkey dinner was sponsored by the Building Committee September 24, and a capacity crowd attended.

The ward welcomes the return of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Terry and baby daughter. Also Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lewis and children. Both families have previously resided in Hayward.

At the same time the ward regrets the necessity of losing Mr. and Mrs. Al Olsen, who are moving to Richmond. Mr. Olsen has been serving in the Sunday School superintendency.

The Sunday School is also losing its chorister, Mrs. Hanford, who is moving to another ward. Her husband's work demands the transfer.

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